

APPENDIX E

Results of Endangered Species and National Historic Preservation Act Consultations



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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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December 20, 2000

Mr. Jon M. Loney
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Dear Mr. Loney:

I have reviewed the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on Future Water Supply Needs in the Upper Duck River Basin, as requested in your September 19, 2000, letter transmitting this document. The DEIS is well written and the likely impacts of each of the alternatives studied are clearly presented.

Because the water supply need for the area would not have to be addressed until some time after the year 2015, I support the decision to present the DEIS to the public without identifying a preferred alternative. And, since no federal agency or other entity has specific plans for, or has proposed to construct, any of the possible projects described in this DEIS; and since the document includes language indicating that detailed, site-specific endangered and threatened species studies would have to be conducted if any of the alternatives were proposed to be built, and that further evaluation of possible impacts would be needed at that time, I concur with your conclusion that this water supply analysis would not have any effect on federal endangered and threatened species.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have questions, please call me at 931/528-6481, ext. 212.

Sincerely,

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October 19, 2000

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RE: TVA, UPPER DUCK RIVER BASIN WATER NEEDS/EIS, UNINCORPORATED, MULTI COUNTY

Dear Mr. Graham:

The Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the above-referenced undertaking received on Friday, October 13, 2000 for compliance by the participating federal agency or applicant for federal assistance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Procedures for implementing Section 106 of the Act are codified at 36 CFR 800 (64 FR 27044, May 18, 1999).

The undertaking considered for this review is limited to the drafting of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for future project implementation. Upon selection, the chosen alternative from the EIS must undergo independent Section 106 review.

Therefore, after considering the documentation submitted, it is our opinion that there are no National Register of Historic Places listed or eligible properties affected by this undertaking. This determination is made either because of the location, scope and/or nature of the undertaking, and/or because of the size of the area of potential effect; or because no listed or eligible properties exist in the area of potential effect; or because the undertaking will not alter any characteristics of an identified eligible or listed property that qualify the property for listing in the National Register or alter such property's location, setting or use. Therefore, this office has no objections to your proceeding with the project.

If you are applying for federal funds, license or permit, you should submit this letter as evidence of compliance with Section 106 to the appropriate federal agency, which, in turn, should contact this office as required by 36 CFR 800. If you represent a federal agency, you should submit a formal determination of eligibility and effect to this office for comment. You may direct questions or comments to Jennifer M. Bartlett (615) 741-1588, ext. 17. This office appreciates your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Herbert L. Harper
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